

## PANNED OUT POORLY.

### Steam Trawler Spray at Boston from Maiden Trip.

Out a Week and Has Only 12,000 Pounds of Fish.

The steam otter trawler Spray, after being out just a week, arrived at Boston today from her maiden trip with a very small fare, 8000 pounds of fresh haddock, 1500 pounds of fresh cod and 2000 pounds of other kinds of fish.

The fare will not go on the market, but will be divided among the dealers who are interested in the craft, it being part of the agreement to take her catch at the market prices. The market is very dull today and some of the trips which arrived there yesterday and today will lay over until Tuesday of next week before selling.

A full account of the trip of the Spray was published in yesterday's TIMES. From the account, it would seem that the first trip could not be called a very encouraging one, but it would not be the part of wisdom to condemn this new method of fishing in these waters because the first trip was a practical failure.

Some months later, after the craft has been given a thorough trial, it can be told whether or not the method is suited for fishing in local waters. Anyone who knows Capt. Dexter Malone knows that the craft could not be in better hands, and that he will give her and the trawl a most thorough test and his judgment on the experiment which he will undoubtedly give later on, will be of interest to all vessel owners and fish dealers.

### FISHING BY TELEPHONE.

Possibly the time may come in this age of science in aid of commerce, when fishing schooners will locate schools of fish and even locate their character by telephone. Now surface alone serves to indicate to the lookout the presence of fish, but according to Telephony, a Norwegian has invented a telephone which transmits to a vessel all submarine sounds.

"The instrument" consists of a microphone in a hermetically sealed steel box. It is connected with a telephone on shipboard by electric wires, each sound in the water being intensified by the microphone. The inventor asserts that with its aid the presence of fish, and approximately their number and kind, can be recognized. When herrings or smaller fish are encountered in large numbers they make a whistling noise, and the sound made by codfish is more like howling. If they come near the submarine telephone their motion can be distinguished. The flow of water through the gills produces a noise similar to the labored breathing of a quadruped, and the motion of the fins produces a dull rolling sound."

### Mackerel Notes.

The imports of new salt mackerel at Boston to date are 36,165 barrels against 24,533 barrels at this time last year.

The shipments of Irish salt mackerel to America from Liverpool, England, have been 52,880 barrels against 54,937 barrels at this time last year.

## CANADA MAKES A DENIAL.

St. Johns, Dec. 23.—The colonial government, having been notified by the British cabinet that the Washington government had protested against the alleged seizure of an American herring fishing vessel and the robbery of or destruction of American nets, anchors and other fishing gear in Bay of Islands, has denied all of the allegations and asserts that no vessel was seized.

## MORE HERRING CARGOES.

### Three Have Arrived at This Port Since Last Report.

#### Dates of Recent Sailings from Bay of Islands.

Since last report three fares of herring have arrived here from Bay of Islands, N. F., two being salt herring in British vessels and the other a cargo of frozen herring in sch. Lottie G. Merchant.

The British crafts, schs. Defender and Colleraine, have not extra large fares, the former having 600 barrels in bulk and 600 barrels in barrels and is consigned to Reed & Gamage and the Colleraine has 1310 barrels and is consigned to Slade Gordon and Reed & Gamage. Both made fair passages and lost nothing.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant came home in command of Capt. James Bowie and has 885 barrels of frozen and 74 barrels of salt herring. She left Bay of Islands last Sunday and Capt. Bowie reports a fair passage home, with no mishaps. Of this cargo, 200 barrels are natural frost, being the first natural frost herring to come from there this season.

The recent sailings from Bay of Islands are as follows: sch. Ralph F. Hodgdon, Dec. 18; sch. Lewis H. Giles, Dec. 21; sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, Dec. 16; sch. Georgie Campbell, Dec. 23; sch. Arbutus, Dec. 21; sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Dec. 21. All have suit herring cargoes.

The following paragraphs are from the Western Star, Bay of Islands, of last Wednesday:

"This fishery has been about the same as last week, but it cannot in any sense be termed brisk. While some boats secured good catches daily, other boats got comparatively nothing and it looks doubtful if all the vessels will get their fares. Several cargoes of herring were despatched from here during the week, most of which went to Gloucester. The Americans are making a big bid for the frozen voyage, and are chartering all the vessels possible of British register. They are forbidden to freeze fish on shore and load them on vessels of American register, hence the reason of hiring our craft, so that they may have more room for erecting scaffolds, which are spread over the vessels from stem to stern. Present indications point to a shortage in the frozen voyage as well as in the salt bulk."

"Sch. B. G. Anderson, owned by Capt. W. Morris of Seal Rocks, which has been fishing herring here this fall, has been chartered by Gardner & Parsons of Gloucester, to load herring."

"Mr. M. McLean of Wood's Island has chartered the American vessel T. M. Nicholson to take a cargo of frozen herring to the American market. Mr. McLean has shown great pluck in venturing so largely in the herring industry this season."

"Sch. Robin Hood finished loading last Saturday night."

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Gully, 30,000 lbs. fresh cod, 30,000 lbs. salt cod, 17,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Paragon, Gully, 15,000 lbs. fresh cod, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 16,000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, Gully, 20,000 lbs. salt cod, 6000 lbs. halibut.  
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Bay of Islands, N. F., 885 bbls. frozen herring, 74 bbls. salt herring.  
Br. sch. Colleraine, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1310 bbls. salt herring.  
Br. sch. Defender, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. salt herring in bulk and 600 bbls. in barrels.  
Sch. Annie Greenlaw, South Channel, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.

### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 4.00 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.75.

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt eusk, \$2.50.

Fresh haddock, \$1.20.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Fresh pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

### Boston.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 35,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 4000 haddock, 2600 cod.

Sch. Benj. F. Phillips, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Tecumseh, 1000 haddock, 300 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Massasoit, 2800 cod.

Sch. Alice Geiger, 2000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Gracie, 2500 cod.

Sch. Hope, 10,000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 4500 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Flavilla, 5000 haddock, 7000 hake.

Sch. Galatea, 4000 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Onato, 45,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Geo. E. Lane, 24,000 cod.

Sch. Rose Standish, 700 haddock, 3300 cod.

Sch. Jamee W. Parker, 25,000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4; large cod, \$3; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$1.25 to \$4.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kenwood, with 8000 pounds of fish, was at Portland on Friday.

### Halibut Sales.

The fares of schs. Cavalier and Theodore Roosevelt sold to the New England Fish Co. and that of sch. Paragon to the American Halibut Co., all at 12 cents per pound for white and 8 cents for gray.

### Halibut at Boston.

The New England Fish Company has three cars of Pacific halibut at Boston this morning.

## BOILER WAS LEAKING.

### Accident to Steam Otter Trawler on Trial Trip.

The steam trawler *Spray*, which put into T wharf Friday morning, is now into the hands of a number of expert mechanics, who are repairing a leak to her boiler.

The *Spray* left Provincetown on Thursday night with two weeks' provisions on board to complete her trip in search of a full quota of fish. When off the Cape setting her trawls on Friday, the boiler, which had been found defective, appeared to be in a worse condition, so Capt. Dexter Malone decided that the steamer was unfit to put to sea and turned for Boston. It is expected that the repairs will be completed by today and the *Spray* will start for her second trip to the fishing grounds.

Opposition to the otter trawlers is manifested in many comments which fishermen about the docks make when they stand glaring at the new device for fishing on this coast.

"Sure, ah' devil a bit will they have to seale them hadd'ck," was the comment of one fisherman, which brought a laugh from the sympathetic crowd about him. He referred to the bruised condition of the haddock being hauled up from the trawler's hold, showing that the fish had been given a pretty thorough rubbing from being rolled over the grounds in the "cod" sack of the big trawl and jammed in with the quantities of other fish in the net.

## WILL SAIL TODAY.

### Repairs to Otter Trawler *Spray* Completed at Boston.

The steam otter trawler *Spray* will sail from Boston on her second trip today.

All day yesterday mechanics were at work upon the boilers of the *Spray*, which had to return prematurely from her maiden trip because of defects in her boilers. This morning she will sail for the fishing grounds. Her skipper, Capt. H. Dexter Malone, and every member of his crew are determined to make good this time.

As stated in the *TIMES* yesterday to say that there is hostility to this form of fishing among the fishermen is to put it mildly, and there was general rejoicing among the schooner men when the *Spray* arrived in port Saturday, with a rather small trip in rather poor condition. A portion of the haddock was sealed and bruised from contact with the sides of the trawler and with other fish in the net, and this proves their contention, according to the fishermen, that they cannot land fish in good condition from a steam trawler.

The steamer trawler owners profess complete satisfaction with the work of their vessel and the crew are really enthusiastic over the new method of catching fish. They declare that the sealed and bruised fish will form only a very small percentage of the total of the catch and the trawler will soon be paying dividends to the Bay State Company which operates it, that will make the schooner men sit up and gasp. Meantime, it's up to Capt. Malone and his men to make good, or the derisive audience of fishermen which is watching the *Spray* will rise up in its might and shout, "Give her the hook."

## Has Smoked Herring.

Sch. *Ellen F. Chase* arrived here from Jonesport, Me., today, with 212 barrels of smoked medium scaled herring for George Perkins & Son.

## MR. ALEXANDER HOME.

### Plenty of Frost When He Left Bay of Islands.

### Has Not Been Usual Run of Herring This Season.

Mr. A. B. Alexander of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, who left here last summer on sch. *Grampus* for a cruise to Newfoundland to study the migrations of mackerel in Northern waters, and who was also commissioned to represent the government and observe matters at Bay of Islands, N. F., during the herring difficulty there this fall and winter, arrived here last evening, accompanied by Mr. Murphy, who has been clerk of the trip.

As to the results of the nearly five months trip and what has been accomplished, Mr. Alexander had little to say, these matters being of an official nature and reported by him to the state department and may later appear in official print.

As to the herring fishery, Mr. Alexander said that at no time this season had there been a body of herring in the bay such as usually strikes there every year. There would be days when there would be quite a lot of herring in some arm and the next day there would be some in some other location. At no time had herring been plentiful.

There had been no open trouble or friction and things had gone along fairly smoothly. The American fishermen with their nets and dories had shown that they were the equals of the Newfoundlanders in catching herring and made a fine showing when there was any fish to catch.

He left Bay of Islands last Friday afternoon and at that time there was about eight feet of snow on the ground. The railroad between Birchy Cove and Bay of Islands had been kept open all right, but there were few days since November came when it had not snowed some time within the 24 hours.

The arms and coves had already been frozen over two or three times but not solid enough to hold against the swift current and had quickly broken up. There had been frost for almost ten days, and the salt herring season had practically been over for ten days before he left, the vessels putting up their scaffolds and freezing or getting ready to freeze herring. When he left, there was no great quantity of herring going and it seemed doubtful if all the vessels would load.

This question of securing cargoes, he said, depended entirely on local conditions. If there was a fair supply of herring and the weather remained good and there should be two or three weeks before the ice came, he thought all would load, but should it come rough and stormy and herring be scarce, it looked as though some of the vessels would have to come home without full loads and perhaps some would have to come without any. This might not be so, but was as matters appeared when he left there.

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Sch. *Bertha M. Miller*, shore.

Sch. *Minerva*, shore.

Sch. *Flora J. Sears*, shore.

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Sch. *Catherine Burke*, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. *Mertis H. Perry*, 1500 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. *Sachem*, 1200 pollock.

Sch. *Laura Enos*, 2500 pollock.

Sch. *Catherine D. Enos*, 7000 haddock, 500 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. *Sadie M. Nunan*, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. *Yakima*, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. *Catherine and Ellen*, 17,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. *Mary A. Gleason*, 3000 haddock.

Sch. *Harmony*, 8000 haddock, 9000 cod, 15,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. *Carrie F. Roberts*, 3600 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. *Alcina*, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$5; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2.25 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$1.75; pollock, \$2.50.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. *Lucania* will now be commanded in the winter haddock fishery by Capt. Frank Enos, while her regular skipper, Capt. Martin L. Welch, takes a vacation of a month or so on shore.

## Herring Notes.

Sch. *Lucinda I. Lowell*, now on the way home from Bay of Islands, has a cargo of frozen herring.

Richard Cann, a Bonne Bay, N. F., fisherman, who has been herring fishing at the Bay of Islands, N. F., wrote a communication to the *St. John's, N. F., Evening News*, under the date of Dec. 2, complaining of the stealing of nets and anchors at Bay of Islands this season. In closing he says:

"There must have been thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed here this fall if reports are true. Now sir, if a ten dollar bill was stolen from any merchant's shop, would there not be a detective on his track? But, sir, we are not fishermen. Each fleet of nets has cost with anchors and moorings about \$60. The boat I go in has three fleets, which amounts to \$180.

"By Sir Robert Bond we were deprived of the right of selling herring to the Americans. If this work continues we must quit the herring fishery or turn robbers or pirates. There are about forty American schooners here, and they are mostly doing well. Some have lost a lot of nets, it is said.

"Does the government that the fishermen keep up turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to such things? Sir, we shall have to ask the Japanese or the Chinese to send to Juan Fernandez for protection. The herring struck into Middle Arm yesterday very plentifully."